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**AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO JANUARY 5, 2007 EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION IN  
U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/650,282**

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This responds to the January 5, 2007 action allowing claims 1, 3-11, 13-15 and 26-40, and closing prosecution on the merits in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle.

Please amend the claims as set out in Section I (Amendments to the Claims) beginning on page 3 hereof.

Remarks concerning the amendments of the claims are set out in Section II (Remarks) beginning at page 9 hereof.